GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Trade Agreements
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the bilateral trade agreements/Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) signed by India till now with other countries/regions/trading blocs;
(b) whether the quantum of trade with these countries/regions/trading blocs has increased after signing FTAs with them and if so, the details thereof along with the total trade carried out with them during the last three years;
(c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to spread awareness amongst business community about FTAs and the possible benefits to them in order to boost trade;
(d) whether the Government has decided to review its FTAs with its partners and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of exporters and other stakeholders thereto and its impact on country''s trade deficit;
(e) whether India and European Union (EU) are negotiating a Bilateral Broad Based Trade and Investment Agreement/FTA and if so, the details and the current status thereof; and
(f) the likely impact of said FTA on domestic textile industry along with the excepted steps to meet the demand of textile industry in the absence of FTA?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The details of the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), including Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreements (CECAs) and Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements entered into by India is given in Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

(b) The total trade before entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and until 2015-16 is given in Annexure-III. The data show that the total trade with all Free Trade Agreements (FTA) partners has increased after the signing of the agreement.

(c) With a view to effectively disseminate information on the Free Trade Agreements(FTAs) signed by India as well as to feed into the process of review of these agreements, the Department of Commerce regularly conducts outreach programmes across the country with participation of industry stakeholders.

(d) The review of the trade agreements is undertaken on the basis of mutual consent of trading partners. The impact of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) is assessed on a regular basis in consultation with various stakeholders, including industry representatives as well as Administrative Ministries/Departments.

(e) & (f): India and EU have agreed to negotiate a Broad-based Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA). The negotiations started in 2007 and sixteen rounds have been held so far. India is committed to a balanced and positive outcome, including for the domestic textile industry.
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Annexure I
FTAs already in force:

SN Name of the Agreement Date of Signing of the Agreement Date of Implementation of the Agreement
1 India - Sri Lanka FTA 28th December. 1998 1st March, 2000
2 Agreement on SAFTA
(India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives and Afghanistan) 4th January, 2004 1st January, 2006
(Tariff concessions implemented from 1st July, 2006)

3 Revised Agreement of Cooperation between Government of India and Nepal to control unauthorized trade 27th October, 2009 27th October, 2009
4 India - Bhutan Agreement on Trade Commerce and Transit 17th January, 1972 Renewed periodically, with mutually agreed modifications.
5 India - Thailand FTA - Early Harvest Scheme (EHS) 9th October, 2003. 1st September, 2004
6 India - Singapore CECA 29th June, 2005 1st August, 2005
7 India - ASEAN- CECA - Trade in Goods, Services and Investment Agreement (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia,

Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) 13th August, 2009 for goods and November, 2014 for Services and Investment Goods
â€¢ 1st January 2010 in respect of India and Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand.
â€¢ 1st June 2010 in respect of India and Vietnam.
â€¢ 1st September 2010 in respect of India and Myanmar.
â€¢ 1st October 2010 in respect of India and Indonesia.
â€¢ 1st November 2010 in respect of India and Brunei.
â€¢ 24 January 2011 in respect of India and Laos.
â€¢ 1st June 2011 in respect of India and the Philippines.
â€¢ 1st August, 2011 in respect of India and Cambodia.
Services and Investment
1 July, 2015
8 India - South Korea CEPA 7th August 2009 1st January, 2010
9 India - Japan CEPA 16th February, 2011 1st August, 2011
10 India - Malaysia CECA 18th February, 2011 1st July, 2011

Annexure II

PTAs already in force:

S. No. Name of the Agreement Date of Signing of the Agreement Date of Implementation of the Agreement
1 Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)
(Bangladesh, China, India, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka) July, 1975
(revised on 2nd November, 2005 1st Nov,1976

2 Global System of Trade Preferences
(GSTP)
(Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People"s Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zimbabwe) 13th April, 1988 19th April,1989

3 SAARC Preferential Trading Agreement (SAPTA) 11 April, 1993 7 December,1995
4 India - Afghanistan 6th March, 2003 13th May,2003
5 India - MERCOSUR 25th January, 2004 1st June, 2009

6 India - Chile 8th March, 2006 11th September, 2007

Annexure-III
Total Trade with India's Free Trade Agreement partners (in $ million)

COUNTRY/BLOC YEAR Total Trade
ASEAN 2009-10 43911.67
2010-11 56235.85
2011-12 78917.91
2012-13 75874.57
2013-14 74413.73
2014-15 76527.35
2015-16 65064.31
JAPAN 2009-10 10363.72
2010-11 13724.18
2011-12 18295.60
2012-13 18513.53
2013-14 16295.30
2014-15 15516.93
2015-16 14513.14
SOUTH KOREA 2009-10 11997.12
2010-11 14205.18
2011-12 17148.56
2012-13 17310.79
2013-14 16680.49
2014-15 18133.30
2015-16 16570.84
MALAYSIA 2009-10 8012.19
2010-11 10394.75
2011-12 13453.99
2012-13 14395.13
2013-14 13428.22

2014-15 16934.29
2015-16 12790.73
BHUTAN 2009-10 271.97
2010-11 377.60
2011-12 432.41
2012-13 397.22
2013-14 507.78
2014-15 483.81
2015-16 750.22
NEPAL 2009-10 1985.92
2010-11 2681.46
2011-12 3271.46
2012-13 3631.94
2013-14 4122.38
2014-15 5213.80
2015-16 4400.67
SAFTA 2009-10 10048.03
2010-11 13830.04
2011-12 15726.58
2012-13 17790.75
2013-14 19977.66
2014-15 23424.52
2015-16 21595.33

COUNTRY/BLOC YEAR Total Trade
SINGAPORE 2004-05 6674.93
2009-10 14046.74
2010-11 16964.75
2011-12 25197.13
2012-13 21105.69
2013-14 19273.90
2014-15 16934.00
2015-16 15028.35
SRI LANKA 2009-10 2580.20
2010-11 4009.24
2011-12 4956.83
2012-13 4609.68
2013-14 5201.45
2014-15 7459.89
2015-16 6052.32
THAILAND 2009-10 4671.68
2010-11 6546.30
2011-12 8239.72
2012-13 9085.78
2013-14 9043.75
2014-15 9330.71
2015-16 8498.03

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)